Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 05 Feb 2022 until 23:59 on Sunday 06 Feb 2022

Forecast Issued on Friday 04 Feb 2022 at 16:58 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the weekend. High for a change to less cold and somewhat drier conditions early next week, but low confidence for extent of low cloud and any rain.

Headline for Saturday 05 Feb 2022: Bitterly cold and very windy with snow at times, turning drier through the afternoon. Risk of blizzard like conditions at times.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 05 Feb 2022

Blizzards
Medium Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Cloudy	Heavy snow	Sleet	Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	>95%	>95%	50%	30%	40%	40%

Forecast for Saturday 05 Feb 2022

Weather: A few snow showers in the early hours, then persistent snow will develop widely by the end of the night. The morning will be cloudy with periods of snow, this persistent and occasionally heavy until late morning. Freezing level will rise for a time in the morning with snow turning to rain below 800 to 1000 metres for a while. Then somewhat drier conditions will spread from the northwest in the afternoon with a few snow showers, these becoming more frequent and occasionally heavy later with a chance of hail and thunder.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Little chance in the morning. Improving 40% in the afternoon, best chance in the north of the area. Arran, Jura and southern Argyll like to remain in low cloud until late afternoon or early evening.

Low Cloud and visibility: Widely poor in low cloud down to 600 metres in the morning, this becoming patchy in the afternoon across Argyll and Lochaber. Blizzard like conditions developing at times with whiteout conditions.

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Forecast for Saturday 05 Feb 2022

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	39/46 SW	43/53 SW	56/69 SW	52/65 SW	52/66 W	52/65 W	43/55 W	46/59 W	47/60 W
900	24/31 W	29/37 SW	39/51 SW	37/48 SW	37/50 W	34/46 W	30/41 W	31/43 W	32/45 W
600	28/34 SW	34/42 SW	45/57 SW	40/52 SW	44/56 W	37/49 W	34/44 SW	35/45 SW	36/48 W
300	13/18 SW	17/25 SW	25/37 SW	23/35 SW	23/36 W	20/30 W	17/27 W	20/31 W	18/30 W
Glen	7/18 W	12/24 SW	18/36 SW	17/35 SW	21/41 W	17/34 W	14/29 SW	14/29 W	16/33 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-6/-17	-5/-16	-3/-14	-2/-13	-3/-14	-6/-19	-7/-19	-7/-19	-7/-19
900	-4/-13	-3/-12	-1/-10	-0/-9	-1/-10	-3/-13	-4/-14	-5/-14	-4/-14
600	-2/-10	-1/-9	1/-8	2/-6	1/-8	-1/-10	-2/-11	-2/-11	-2/-11
300	0/-5	1/-4	3/-3	4/-1	4/-2	2/-4	1/-5	0/-6	0/-6
Glen	2/-1	3/-1	5/0	6/2	6/1	4/-1	2/-2	2/-3	2/-3
Freezing Level*	200m	400m	800m	900m	700m	300m	200m	200m	200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Hazardous winter conditions are expected at all elevations on Saturday with blizzard conditions developing at times, notably above 800 metres. Some heavy falls of snow with drifting are possible across the west of the area where persistent snow develops in the morning.

Forecast for Sunday 06 Feb 2022

Weather: A bitterly cold with sunny intervals and frequent snow showers, these heavy at times especially across the Argyll and Lochaber. Gale or severe gale westerly winds will lead to severe wind chill and drifting snow, making for very hazardous conditions. Showers easing after dark.

Maximum wind: Westerly 40 mph with gusts to 60 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in low cloud down to 800 metres as snow showers pass by, this may obscure summits quite often where showers become most frequent

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 Celsius rising to 2 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 400 metres or less

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